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Attached are photographs of the adjustable brake mechanism of German freight cars convertible to Soviet gauge.

Picture 1 shows the brake mechanism of a standard freight car.

Picture 2 shows the brake mechanism of a convertible freight car in standard-gauge position.

Picture 3 shows the forked inset required for the change of the gauge, folded upward. For a conversion to Soviet gauge, the brake block must be shifted toward the outside (to the left on the attached photo), and the forked inset is shifted toward the inside (to the right on photo) to fill the gap left by the shifting of the brake block. It is again stressed that the wheel set must be exchanged for a conversion from standard to soviet gauge and vice versa. Adjustment of the wheels on the axle is impossible.

3 Annexes: Photographs

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